

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Claims 1-17 have been canceled. Claims 18-32 are new.

Claim Objections

2. The Examiner objected to claims 1 and 17.
3. The Applicant has canceled the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

4. The Examiner rejected claim 17 under 35 USC §112 paragraph 2.
5. The Applicant has canceled the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

6. The Examiner rejected claims 1-17 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over publications of Illek et al., Miller et al., and Inomata. The Examiner does not state or suggest that any of the cited references disclose a motivation to combine teachings of the references but indicates that it would have been within the knowledge of one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the extracts with an ORS to treat diarrhea that can accompany dehydration. (Office Action, pgs. 3-5)
7. The Applicant has amended the subject matter of its claims to distinguish over the cited references. The Applicant's claimed invention requires that the extract of the latex of species Croton must have reduced absorbency of a particular wavelength of energy relative to the unextracted latex. Similarly, the extract of the species Uncaria must have an alkaloid concentration reduced relative to the non-extracted alkaloid concentration of Uncaria plant material. None of the references disclose or suggest a combination of the extracts having the characteristics required by the Applicant.

Conclusion

Applicant has addressed all the issues of the Examiner's office action and respectfully requests a reconsideration of its claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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